RTV raises $12,000

Goldie

Telethon '80 earned about $12,000 to assist crippled children in the Niagara Peninsula. The extravaganza put on by Niagara College radio/television arts students took place in the college cafeteria and was broadcast across the peninsula on cable television. See pages 8 and 9 for stories on the production and some of the highlights.

One year, Jackie?

Jackie

Has the Niagara News got a hot yarn for Jacqueline Robarts, college president? Does she know that her term of office has but one year to go? A report on college governance makes a startling revelation on the length of terms for college presidents. See 'Will council cut' Page 3.

Needs feedback

1980-81 Student Administrative Council president Thomas Mather says he is interested in obtaining feedback from main campus and satellite campus students to enable SAC to do the best possible job in servicing Niagara's student population. See 'Profile' on Page 4.

Tom

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New freshman athlete of the year

David Lovie receives freshman ahthlete of the year award from Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the Board of Governors, at the annual athletic banquet April 9. For story see page 11. (Photo by Robb)

Need more cuts to balance budget

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, has met with all schools and branches concerning budget cuts but "we are still quite a few thousand dollars from a balanced budget," she said.

Miss Robarts and Gary Larose, college treasurer, visited the ministry of colleges and universities last week to discuss financial problems and see if they can find some more money to help the college. At press time no further comment was available.

Budget submissions were $2,610,233 over the college's projected revenue for this fiscal year.

Applied Arts

The school of applied arts has cut $460,000 from its budget, with more than $100,000 cut in new and replacement equipment, I.J. Giancarlo, the dean of the school of applied arts, said.

The school has two budgets to consider; post secondary and retraining. The post secondary budget was trimmed $300,000, and the retraining budget, $160,000.

The school has received more money than last year but not enough to keep pace with inflation. Even though the school's money supply has increased, its buying power has decreased, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Another problem in next year's budget is the abolition of lab fees; the additional costs must be absorbed by the school, Mr. Giancarlo said.

A survey by the counselling department helped identify new fee-paying students in upgrading programs and English as a Second Language, he said. A number of new classes have been started.

The school will still be able to retain the same level of operation as last year, with no program cuts and no expansion. The school is managing, provided there are no further cuts, Mr. Giancarlo said.

"We have made the cuts without affecting the educational operation of the school," Mr. Giancarlo said.

Business

The school of business has trimmed its budget by $165,000, and still has $85,000 to go to reach the $250,000 it has been required to cut, Hans Van der Slagt, dean of the school of business, said.

The major cuts so far has been $103,000 from new equipment, and $18,000 in funds to be used for the new bilingual courses.

The budget includes teachers' salaries, new equipment, and teaching supplies.

The new department of co-operative education received $64,000 in extra funding leaving that department relatively unchanged.

Mr. Van der Slagt, met last week with his budget committee to decide how to cut the remaining $85,000. The most feasible means of reaching the $250,000 cut are further cutbacks in new equipment and fewer co-educational students than last year, Mr. Van der Slagt said.

"There are people out there we can't serve because we don't have the money to do it," Mr. Van der Slagt said.

The results of the meeting are as yet unknown.

The cutbacks in new equipment are the major problem facing the school, since old equipment is wearing out and cannot be replaced, he said. Also, micro-computers, a growing area in the business field, may not be purchased next year because of insufficient funds.

Health Sciences

The budget of the school of health sciences has been cut by $60,000, Fred Habermehl, dean, said.

"The programs as they have been running, will not be directly affected by the cut, but it will be a major inconvenience," he said.

The largest area affected is the nursing program. Because of insufficient funds, a reduction in new equipment will be necessary.

A part-time faculty will be relied on next year, rather than hiring new full-time teachers as originally planned, Mr. Habermehl said.

Mr. Habermehl said he realizes "every program got a small cut" and considers the budget cut fairly reasonable.

See 'Budget' page 12

Student art display Niagara College first

By RANDY HANNAH
Staff Writer

Hennepin Hall Art Gallery opened its doors to student art work for the first time last Monday and the results are outstanding — a sincere collection of excellent work.

The students revealed their artistic talent in the form of paintings, sketches and sculpture.

Students entered 51 pieces of art work for the juried show and 20 pieces were selected for display by Peter Harris, director of Rodman Hall Arts Centre in St. Catharines.

Four pieces of art work displayed will be purchased by the four schools of Niagara College. To qualify for the show the artists had to be full-time or extension students of Niagara College for the past year.

All art shows are organized by the Hennepin Hall Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Until this show the gallery displayed only the work of local artists and talent from out of the area. However, the gallery is trying to make the student art show an annual affair.

The Hennepin Art Gallery is regarded as an exhibition area for students, staff and the community, Tom Fraser, secretary treasurer of the gallery, said.

It's for people who want to be "exposed to what's going on in the art world," he said.

The art at the gallery is usually for sale; however, some students who are displaying their art do not wish to sell.

The art can be viewed weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends until April 26.

N.F. has EASL

The English as a Second Language (EASL) program is staying in Niagara Falls after all.

Though Niagara College decided early this year that the Manpower-sponsored classes had to be moved to St. Catharines, two EASL classes are being taught at the Niagara Falls library now. They include one which opened in Welland Vale last Monday and moved back to Niagara Falls today, Dennis Malone, chairman of English, said.

The new class moved back to Niagara Falls when the number enrolled increased to 13. In addition an earlier class of 12 students had already been allowed to remain at the library until the course finishes at the end of June.

See 'EASL' pg. 12

Roll, roll, roll your lawn

Gary Guzda, property and plant branch technician, displays the new lawn rollers the college received from the Welland Vale welding class. Welding students made the rollers as a classroom project under the direction of welding instructors Vince DeLeo and Marvin Nash. The rollers, if bought from a retailer, would have cost the college about $2,000. The college only had to pay for materials. The project "provided students with a practical opportunity to use their new skills," Mr. Guzda said. (Photo by Heath)

Custodian retires, wants to see Canada

After 10 years of faithfully attending Niagara College, Tim Bernard has finally called it quits. One of the first custodians to work at Niagara College, he will be retiring at the end of this term.

Mr. Bernard started working at the college on Oct. 29, 1969. His first job was driving the college service truck and then after five years he was promoted to custodian in the Simcoe building; later he was transferred to Hennepin Hall.

The main reason for his retirement is his health. He suffered a stroke which has left him with a limp.

He is originally from Prince Edward Island and says he will retire there after travelling around Canada. He is planning to travel for about four years.

ALL KNOW TIM

Everyone seems to know Mr. Bernard; he says when you've been around here for 10 years people get to know you.

"Time flies by fast," Mr. Bernard said. He has enjoyed his work at the college but says he is glad to retire.

A retirement party is planned to honor Mr. Bernard on May 2 at the Casa del Toro in Welland. The master of ceremonies will be George Cottrell, custodian and co-worker.

Mr. Cottrell said Mr. Bernard was the first person he met when he started working at the college six years ago. Mr. Bernard was assigned to show Mr. Cottrell around and get him acquainted with his job.

Before coming to work at Niagara College, Mr. Bernard worked at Switzon Industries for 15 years.

Mr. Bernard is married and the father of two. Both his children are married.

Calligraphy shows handwriting is art

By TAMELA CRAIG
Staff Writer

The handwriting is on the wall — when Vera Walby transforms it into a work of art.

She will teach the ancient art of calligraphy at Niagara College this spring. Calligraphy means, literally, "beautiful handwriting." It originated with the Persians and Chinese, and was kept alive during medieval times by monks who recorded entire libraries by hand.

But Calligraphy For Beginners is not a history course.

"I don't teach the history," she said. Instead, the course shows "how to do it."

Calligraphy is very detailed work.

"Each letter is formed meticulously."

She uses calligraphy paper which is "very much like old parchment. It has a snowflake effect."

The pen is held at a 45-degree angle."

Waterproof ink is used. It comes in all colors but she prefers black. All that glitters on the parchment is not gold.

"In olden times it was done with gold leaf but nowadays we use acrylic."

Encouragement

Students will practise the Roman and old English alphabets, various borders, old-time patterns, animals, designs, scroll and braid. They will be encouraged to develop their own borders. Usually a few lines of prose or poetry are chosen for the first project.

No background in drawing or painting is necessary.

"It helps if students have no previous experience sometimes."

She explained that art students used to working with a palette knife could find the detailed work of calligraphy difficult.

Former students have been "a total mixture." Many housewives enrol. Others find calligraphy "is a help within their own job areas."

Fantastic

She has had "fantastic work" from a class of 12-year-olds. She attributes this to the fact that "they are still in the learning process."

"Sometimes young people grasp it faster than adults because they haven't developed their own handwriting yet."

Three boys she had taught enjoyed calligraphy so much they applied for an advanced course.

"But they assured me they weren't monks," she laughed.

She became interested in calligraphy while studying fine arts at Liverpool University in England and has taught the course in both England and Canada.

79% find jobs

Four-hundred and ninety-four out of 628 of last year's Niagara College graduates, excluding nurses, were in jobs related to their training as of Dec. 31. This represents 78.66 per cent of all graduates.

This figure includes students with other plans; graduates, excluding nurses, seeking employment is 89.6 per cent.

The school of Technology placed 88 per cent, or 65 of 73 graduates.

The school of Health Sciences placed 72 of 85; School of Business, 171 of 217; School of Applied Arts, 186 of 253; and the Mack School of Nursing placed 70 of 86 graduates.

The figures were released in a report to the Board of Governors by Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

Ken Anderson, placement officer, told the Niagara News, "It has been a little more difficult" this year to place graduates. Mr. Anderson attributed the difficulty to tighter job market.

"It's a fact of life that better than half of our graduates have to leave the area," he said.

Mr. Anderson said the biggest obstacle to placing students was unwillingness to leave the peninsula.

New IEEE chairman for Canada's best

Niagara College has the most active Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) branch in Canada.

Bob Bilinsky, newly elected chairman for next year, intends to keep it that way. Although no drastic changes are foreseen, Bob hopes to add a few new and different activities.

Next year's biggest challenge will probably be recruiting new members. Of the now 81 members, many are in their third year and won't be returning, Bob said.

Membership fees are $10. For this price you receive a magazine subscription, use of the lounge, and a reduced price at all activities such as socials, bus tours, seminars and more.

About five bus tours are taken each year. This year they went to IBM in Toronto, an IEEE exposition at the Canadian National Exhibition automotive building, a computer show at the International Trade Centre in Toronto, and the Pickering nuclear power plant. Next year they hope to tour Molson's, and the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific telecommunications centre.

To give the students insight into the types of work they will encounter, an industrial night is held. Graduates speak on job opportunities, and what it takes to get a job. Third-year students also participate in a Technical Report night. Major projects which make up a large part of their mark, were presented April 10.

BOB BILINSKY

Other activities Bob hopes to organize next year are, a meet the faculty night, which will allow new students to meet their instructors, and get involved with the club. He would also like to see the second and third year students spend a work day with someone in their field.

Calculators, electronic parts, and data books are offered at reduced prices. Calculators are sold at a 22 per cent savings to the student with about three per cent profit for the club.

In addition to Bob, next year's executive consists of: Ron Veeneman, vice-chairman; Brian Theisan, secretary; Dino Ruscitti, treasurer; Paul Murphy, social convener; Floyd Bell, calculator sales; and Richard Hamm, parts sales.

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Fines not punitive measures

Library fines do not come back to the library for expenses, but are applied to the Niagara College Trust Fund and to entrance scholarships.

College treasurer Gary Larose said that the $75 to $100 in library fines collected each month, and profit from vending machines, are accumulated and used for varying student services.

Vending machine money underwrites bus service for college students and such things as benches and student activities.

Stephen Kees, Niagara College's head librarian, said fines do not come back to the library, as the college budget pays for new material.

Mr Kees stressed that the library fines were not meant to be a punitive measure. He said students should be trusted to be punctual and responsible during their college years before they enter into society. People need to learn these virtues to be responsible, he said.

The fines are the same as they were 12 years ago when the college first opened, 10 cents a day with a definite maximum of $1.50 per book. Mr. Kees said that if students have problems returning books they should talk to the library staff who are willing to listen. He said college fines are in the range of the public libraries and the universities, and have not gone up like other services.

A Pig Family, the creation of Cathi Hebbard, is one of the many models from the Miniatures 1 class at the Welland Vale campus. The models, which range from bar scenes to the one above, are one-twelfth the size of a regular building. Photo by Surgeoner)

Miniature building course 2nd largest hobby in U.S.A.

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

The room was appealing. Against the back wall was a beautiful fieldstone fireplace, to the right a comfortable bed covered in a checkered quilt. A rocking chair sat in the middle of the floor and thick, wooden beams braced the ceiling. All in all, a rustic, colonial room.

The only strange thing about this room is that it is only one-twelfth the size of a normal building because it is a product of the first ever miniatures course offered by Niagara College.

The course, brainchild of instructor Patricia Ostovar, has a total registration of 12 people who meet every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Through films and lectures, Miss Ostovar teaches the basics of wall balance, architecture and other components of room contruction.

A REAL CHALLENGE

"The thing that makes it so challenging is that you get involved in so many skills like carpentry, upholstery and architecture," said Beth Cotrill, a student in the program.

Since students choose their own themes, the models ranged from bars to stores to the homes of small pig families. The projects took much more time than the three hours each week, however.

"I've put at least 200 hours into it," said student William Stonham. The other students agreed that it took up most of their time over the 12 weeks.

Miss Ostovar got the idea for the course after seeing a miniature show in Toronto. "Since miniatures is a family hobby, I thought it might be interesting to try and start a course in it," said Miss Ostovar. The idea was approved and the course has been a great success, she said.

Miniatures is the second largest hobby in the United States, she said, so it is surprising there was not a course in it before.

MANY METHODS

Apart from the major project, the students constructed small objects such as chairs and books. The materials and methods varied with each student. Some used popsicle sticks to make floorboards, while others used paper; few students carved their shapes out of wood while one student shaped the subjects out of dough.

The models will go on exhibit at The Hobby Shop in St. Catharines soon, at the Yellow Poppett in Oakville in May and at the St. Catharines Public Library in the fall.

This course, which is an introductory course, will begin again on April 29 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The registration fee is $36. "I think everyone has enjoyed the course," Miss Ostovar said. She hopes to start advanced courses soon.

As Mr. Stonham said, "They're getting to be a big thing -- these miniatures."

A Midsummer Night's Dream on April 21 at Theatre Centre

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

In one room of the Theatre Centre, moans and groans can be heard. Eighteen students along with their co-ordinator, John Rapsey, are exercising. Their red faces and straining muscles show their determination.

In the other rooms there is a buzzing in the air. Teachers and students alike are busy in their respective crews. The sweat pouring down their brows shows their determination.

Both these groups are working towards the same goal — opening night of their latest production, Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Before the rehearsal the actors must go through an hour of intense exercise. The hour consists of breathing, face, voice and muscular exercising.

One college instructor who attended one of the warm-ups considered it "an hour of excruciating pain."

It was amazing to see most of the actors in top physical condition. They had enough energy at the end to do 25 sit-ups that could be timed one per second.

One student said exercising was very important because a production "seems to take so much out of you."

The set, designed by theatre instructor Douglas McLean, will have the actors moving and jumping from one toadstool to another on a 15-degree angle.

He said this production will be good experience for the actors and crews because the set is "fairly demanding."

The scenery, made from burlap, textured rope, canvas and other available products, emphasizes the Shakespearean era with its intricate designs.

Other crews are furiously working to complete their parts of the production.

The day draws near with students working from 8:30 a.m. to 12 midnight. Classes have been cancelled so that all the time can go into the production.

The play, directed by Mr. Rapsey, will run from April 21 to 26 at the Theatre Centre. There will be matinees at 1:30 p.m., except for Saturdays and evening shows at 8 p.m.

The cost is $2.50 per person for matinees and $3.00 for evening shows.

Next Monday's show will be open to the applied arts staff and faculty only. For reservations or more information, call 735-0550 or 688-1380, ext. 471 or 479.

Raffling four automobiles

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off four cars with all proceeds going to the Arthritis Society.

In past years the Knights of Columbus have earned more than $1 million for the Arthritis Society, Jerry Schmidt, the Grand Knight of the Welland Council of the Knights of Columbus, said.

The Arthritis Society is the main charity of the Ontario State council of the Knights of Columbus.

The draw for the cars will be held May 19 in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto during the Knights of Columbus state convention.

The cars to be raffled off were purchased by the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Schmidt said.

Other charities and groups the Welland council is involved with include the Christmas basket drive, big brothers and sisters and local minor baseball, soccer and hockey teams.

Will council cut presidents' terms?

Community college presidents should be appointed for three-year renewable terms, a report to the Ontario Council of Regents recommends.

"The tenure of college presidents has shrunk in recent years from eight years to four to five years, reflecting the dynamic nature of community colleges, and a three-year term is consistent with current data on the tenure of college presidents," the 40-page report, submitted by the committee on college governance said.

The type of president needed "in times of financial constraint is not necessarily the same as in times of rapid expansion," it said.

Since the president of the college is directly responsible to the board of governors for the performance of the college, the fixed term should be arranged by means of a formal contract, such as those between the director of a corporation and their chief executive officer.

The report defines a president as a person with "the rare combination of the educational leadership of a professional educator and the efficiency of a general manager. The president of a college is no less responsible to his board of governors for the management of the college than is the general manager of a multi-million dollar corporation to his board of directors."

Since the president must have the confidence of the board of governors and the respect of students and staff, all interests in the community should be involved in the search for a suitable president, the report suggests.

To involve the community, the report suggests that the board should appoint a search committee comprising board members, students and staff, and possibly alumni.

The board should be responsible for the criteria of the qualities of the needed president for that particular time in the evolution of the college.

Colleges can benefit from accountability

By MARK WALTERS
Staff Writer

Throughout the western world in the late 1960s and early 1970s "education had become too important to be left to the educators," a report to the Ontario Council of Regents said.

Financial decisions were made by non-educators without heed to the advice of professional educators; this led the public a few years later to believe that education was not as good as it used to be, the report continued.

The "blind faith" the public had in education was shattered, and the "accountability movement" — making schools accountable for their performance to a central authority — became prevalent in public sentiment.

In the beginning college administrators saw the accountability movement as a threat to their non-accountable autonomy. Schools were required to divert resources from the classroom to gather the data which were constantly required by the central authority, the report said.

Good accountability became synonymous with the volume of statistical data received by the Council of Regents.

In the 1960s, when community colleges were first conceived, "the public expected government to provide a long list of social services, all attention was focused on inputs to the new system; no one paid any attention to see if the outputs achieved any useful purpose. Success in the college system was measured by how much a school could increase its enrolment," the report said.

Today the public mood is such that most educators realize that the non-accountable rapid expansion of the 1960s was an "artificial situation that eventually had to come to an end."

Colleges are gradually accepting accountability as a "necessary evil and a future way of life." Once the initial reaction to accountability as a means of punishment for poor performance has worn off, community colleges can benefit from the accountability movement.

Being able to account for a good performance in respect to educational objectives, the board of governors and Council of Regents can gain sufficient evidence to apply for improved government support.

Accountability does not rule out the autonomy of local planning, the report said. Colleges should be accountable for achieving educational standards set up by local boards of governors, and should be judged on this achievement, not merely on the extent to which the college has expanded.

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EDITORIALS

Greeks started it

I notice the editorial of the associate editor is on violence in amateur sports. I wish I'd thought of that. But I didn't, so I have nothing to write about.

And what do editors write in their editorials when they have nothing to say? They do an editorial on the fact that they have nothing to say, naturally.

It's newspaper tradition, possibly dating back to ancient Greece; editors had nothing to say then either. The Greeks started everything, even the tradition of editors writing editorials on having nothing to say.

And who am I, a lowly journalism student, to break a tradition dating back to the ancient Greeks?

So here is another editorial in the long line of editorials that have nothing to say.

– Mark Walters

It's just a game

The players fly across the ice, one struggling to catch the other. In the background frenzied screams of, "kill him, kill him," are heard. At that moment the players — boys really — go crashing into the boards. Wild cheering, clapping and whistles resound through the arena.

Although I've chosen hockey to criticize, the attitudes of players and fans alike who participate in amateur sports have become ridiculous. The object of the game no longer seems important, and in some cases is all but forgotten.

People no longer go to be entertained by a skilfully played game, but to see a bloodbath. It seems that to remain liked and supported, teams must comply with this type of violence-oriented attitude.

Winning has become an obsession with people. Parents tell their children, you must win at all costs or I will reject you. Coaches teach dirty tactics instead of the basics of a well played game.

Game. That's an important word people have forgotten about. Amateur sports are not life and death situations. They are games designed for enjoyment, camaraderie and, yes, competition, but clean, healthy competition that will build the mind, body and spirit. Unnecessary rivalry and scorn are developing among our youth, where friendships should be.

Violence in amateur sports has become overwhelming. It is no longer isolated to the older groups, but is being introduced to younger children all the time.

Man against man is a common philosophy, but we must also learn to respect other men. If the attitudes in sports reflect people's attitudes about life, we could be in a lot of trouble.

Dorothy Clark

Profile

To please people, SAC pres. needs more student feedback

The objective this year is to "try to please most of the people most of the time," said Tom Mather, the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) president.

"To try to satisfy the people, we have to have more feedback from students," he said.

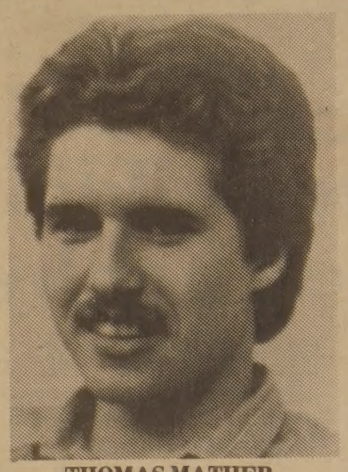
Tom's Broadcasting party won all seven positions in the SAC elections March 25.

"We're working on activity days, film festivals, the orientation book for next year and, depending on schedules, we'll be planning ahead for the coming year," Tom said.

Tom's decision to run for school president was prompted by a fellow radio-television student's bid last year to seek office.

"Each of us, individually, were thinking the same thing, so we all sat down and decided to give it a try," he said. "It's a lot more work than I expected."

Tom is program-director for the college radio station and is involved in making sure things



THOMAS MATHER

are running smoothly, laying down the guidelines for programming and filling out the station logs.

Born and raised in Montreal, Tom studied health sciences, pre-med and the social sciences in Montreal's John Abbott College D'enseignement General et Professionnel where he became interested in the college radio station. He became a disc jockey for dances and discos.

WORKS FOR CHSC

Tom supplements his education by working for radio station CHSC in St. Catharines, doing the news, weather and sports on the weekends.

He took a year off to work for the Royal Bank, first, as a teller and then rising to position of head teller. He moved to Welland two years ago.

"It was a good experience in the work force," he said.

Tom ran track all through high school and plays hockey in his spare time. Needless to say, he is a devout Hab fan.

Tom is in his second year here at Niagara College and upon graduating next year will be looking for a job with a small station with the hopes of working his way up to a larger one.

"Drop by the SAC office anytime," he said.

Bullpit

Time to answer the question

by MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

Not many of us give much thought to whether we are living a morally sound way of life or not, yet this is perhaps the most important question one could ask oneself.

I would suggest that this basic question, left unanswered by so many of us, could well be the cause of our most destructive urges.

Those who have never asked themselves this question know, within their hearts, that something is missing, although few admit it to themselves.

We spend a lot of time denying ourselves the honest assessment our lives so badly need, and we grow angry and bitter when our lives become hollow and meaningless. Yet we are never without advice for others. Strange!

It is true — nothing is ever free. If we are to receive love, we must give love.

It is that simple!

We love our cars, our homes, our clothes and even our jewelry. But do we love one another?

WHO WILL DEFINE?

Ask someone to define the word "love" and often they are uncomfortably embarrassed by the very sound of the word.

It is easy to hate; what is challenging is to love!

No problem would be insurmountable — all things would be possible, if only we could learn to love one another.

This may all sound very idealistic, but I have seen it working and am in awe of it.

For there are people who know the joys of living. They have come to know the priceless value of life and are careful not to fritter away the years in depression, loneliness or spiritual poverty.

Don't think this blissful way of life is without a cost, though. On the contrary, the sacrifices are great, or so it seems on the surface.

Think for a moment on whether your present way of life is filling all the spaces after all. Perhaps it isn't filling the void. You know the one — the one you keep denying is there within you.

RECOGNIZE VOID

The first step in changing one's life is to come to the realization that there is a void, and that that void can only be filled with love.

Many of us are unwilling to try to change our lives because of one reason or another. Vices cloud our vision and we become dependent on alcohol, drugs or anthing that allows us to escape — if only for a few hours.

Moreover, our friendships, when put to the test, reveal themself to be shallow, not based on love at all; nevertheless we cling to them in the hopes we can thwart disillusionment one more time.

Friendships based on a mutual love for one another are the only truly sound friendships and are the only ones worth nurturing.

So you see, nothing is truly valuable unless love plays a role.

Much as I have propounded my belief in the power of love, alas, I cannot be hopeful. Hate, selfishness and inhumanity are powerful foes, and like weeds, grow faster than grain.

So, — if I can borrow an analogy — I hope the seeds have fallen on fertile ground.

Buddhist residence

By JAMIE DICKINSON
Staff Writer

There may be no rock and roll at Karma Buddhist College in St. Catharines, but Niagara students may be willing to live without it for an inexpensive residence which is open to them.

The "life of the mind" requires something other than a "swinging lifestyle," Dr. John Mayer, Brock University professor of philosophy, said describing the "contemplative residence" that is available on the Brock campus. He said interested Niagara students would be welcome.

The residence is part of the Buddhist college started last fall in what was formerly Symphony House.

The college "is not interested in converting people or doing strange things," Dr. Mayer said. "It will enrich our culture if eastern history, philosophy, economics and literature are taught."

Dr. Mayer said Niagara students are welcome to take part in the residential community by living there.

There is a "disciplined" atmosphere in the student residence. One "must observe silence when people are meditating" and there is no drinking.

Not all students would find this type of residence appealing, Dr. Mayer said but he hoped some serious students would be interested in living there.

Dr. Mayer said the rent is about $100 to $125 a month. Though the building is small for their purposes and can only house five students, Dr. Mayer expects the college to expand.

"It's nice to build in a period of decay and collapse."

Niagara students interested in living at Karma Buddhist College can contact Dr. Mayer at 684-7201 ext. 222 or at 262-4926.

The next open seminar to be held at the college will be on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost will be $4, which will include a luncheon. The day will involve presentations and discussion

News hobby

Journalism students, keep out!

News Writing as a Hobby is a course for realists. They know writing may be a good way to earn pocket money but is a precarious way to scratch out a living.

Instructor Jim Couper said applicants might include "people involved in community work, part-time writers who want to make some money, and those who just enjoy doing it."

The course is journalism in a nutshell. News writing, basic structures, grammar, libel, interviews, features, short stories, fiction, photo journalism, markets and editing will be discussed.

For Mr. Couper, experience has been a hard teacher. As a freelance writer he has faced "a lot of rejections. But you get used to it." He averages three rejections for every acceptance.

He has written for the Toronto Star, Windsor Star, Vancouver Sun, Alive and Well magazine, Off Road magazine, and scores of others.

Roving Reporter

How do you feel about the voters' apathy in the Student Administrative Council election? Did you vote?

By KAREN RUNKA and RANDY HANNAH

ELAINE ALGUIRE

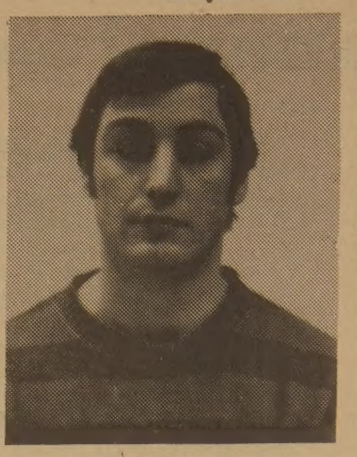
Elaine Alguire, first-year fashion arts — No, I didn't vote. I was not informed enough, they didn't interest me enough to make me want to go out and vote.

Robert Critchley, first-year radio/television — Yes, I did vote. A lot of people are not concerned and they don't realize the importance of an effective student council.

SHELLY TUCKER

Shelly Tucker, first-year interior design — I didn't vote. I don't think they should have held it in the cafeteria. There should have been polls set up in all the buildings. They never did anything to get people interested enough to go and vote.

Michael Robb, first-year journalism — Yes, I did vote; nevertheless, I can still understand the voters' apathy. Students are more concerned about their classes. I think generally that Student Administrative Councils have done a good job. Forget about those who are apathetic; devote energy and attention to those who are interested.



JERRY ANTONELLS

Jerry Antonells, second-year financial management — I didn't vote. It should have been in the main building of the campus. It should have been in the library.

EVELYN VAN ROOSMALEN

Evelyn Van Roosmalen, dental hygiene — I didn't vote. Only because I was not aware there was an election. I don't know whether it is indicative of the voters' apathy, but I don't think students were very well informed.

BEV GREEN

Bev Green, first-year business administration — No I didn't vote. I think voting should have been held in the classrooms, that way everyone could vote.

John Campbell, second-year tourism — I didn't vote. I feel SAC is not a fair representation of the student body. As a member of the student body I feel the college could function well without the aid of SAC.

Bilingual students can earn $3,000

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

Bilingual students are eligible to earn $3,000 while attending college or university full-time.

The candidate whose mother tongue must be either French or English must enrol as a full-time student in a post-secondary educational institution, the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, and the Secretary of State said in a brochure sent to the colleges earlier this month.

The program, called the second-language monitor program, helps students pay for their education while working six to eight hours per week in an elementary, secondary or post-secondary school helping students learn a second language.

The candidate must leave his province of residence and attend school in another province. The student must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant before being eligible to apply for the program.

The program runs for nine months and pays the monitor $3,000 plus the return fare home.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

"It's a great way to finance your education and a terrific opportunity for a student," said Jane MacDonald, first year general college student .

Jane, originally from Parkdale, Prince Edward Island, spends eight hours a week helping students in Confederation High School in Welland learn English.

Jane said she feels the program is "fun" but she had a hard time fitting the eight hours into her regular class schedule.

The students think she is a student but she does not get the respect a teacher or helper would.

"I can act as a role model and I can identify with the students more because of the closeness of our ages."

There are some shortcomings to the program, she said, "The board doesn't hire you, the school does."

Jane said the school board does not really know what the school needs.

"Monitors are given to the teachers who are told to use them," she said.

Jane said she considers this program a "fantastic learning experience."

PROMOTES LEARNING

The objective of the program funded by the Secretary of State is to promote the learning and the use of Canada's official languages through the exchange of students, the brochure said.

The monitor, who cannot assume the duties of a regular teacher, helps the student with non-teaching activities and programs.

For more information, interested students should see Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French languages in Hennepin Hall, or write to the Ontario Provincial Co-ordinator at Queen's Park in Toronto.

NANCY ROMEO

$500 Winner

Nancy Romeo, 21, was the winner of the $500 lottery prize in the last draw of the interior design program's lottery on April 3. Nancy is a second-year interior design student. The 10-week lottery yielded nine winners of $50.

And away they go

The journalism-print program heads for another 100 per cent placement year with students already working full time on daily and weekly newspapers as near as Welland and as far away as Atikokan.

Readers' Forum

Dear Editor:

Ninety-five per cent or better of all labor management collective agreements are reached without resort to settlement by strike. I conveyed the wrong impression ("union and management rarely come to an agreement without a dispute," P. 12, March 28 issue).

Otherwise this news item was correct.

Yours Sincerely,
Eric Robinson
The Institute of Labor and Labor Management Studies

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TV course on stock investing

A college credit course on understanding the stock market will be telecast on cable television from the studios of Niagara College's Welland campus three times a week during the 1980spring term.

The course, presented by the school of business, will be led by Donald Reid, a part-time instructor at Niagara College.

Besides the telecasts, each to be done three times a week over a 10-week period, three classroom sessions for student information, problem solving and discussion will be held at the Welland campus in room ME-105.

As part of one of the telecasts, a live phone-in session will be done July 10 in which questions will be answered by investment experts.

While the telecasts can be viewed by the general public, anyone wishing to take part in the classroom sessions to receive a college credit must register and pay a $36 fee by April 17. Registration is at both the Welland and Welland Vale Campuses.

The course will be telecast on cable television on Channel 10 in St. Catharines and Thorold and channel 12 in Port Colborne, Fonthill, Welland and Niagara Falls.

Classroom sessions will start Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. Telecasts will begin one week later on May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Reports outline energy conservation at IEEE annual tech banquet night

By KENNETH HARE
Staff Writer

Six technical reports showing more efficient and less costly ways of energy use were presented at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) fifth annual technical report banquet.

Arthur Jacobs, a representative of one of the project sponsors, Maple Leaf Mills Ltd., Port Colborne, said the reports presented April 1 were "very pertinent to the next 10 years of living."

"These projects are most dynamic since they're at the advent of the 1980s," he said. "Niagara College is aware of what is going on in this world."

E.P. Winch, systems engineer for Westinghouse Canada Ltd., Hamilton, said he had "great praise" for the co-ordinators and teachers involved with IEEE.

"The enthusiasm in this area (technology) within this college is beyond that of schools in Hamilton," he said.

Frank Cicarelli, chairman of electronic and chemical engineering, said the annual report night gave some of the students "a chance to express leadership qualities."

Four of the reports, those done by third year technology students, were being scored and would account for most of the students' graduating percentage, Paul Murphy, organizing chairmanof the event, said.

Simplicity and heating efficiency were the purpose of an energy-conscious thermostat built by third-year technologist Mark Dowker. A thermostat for the home that is automatic, it can raise and lower the temperature of a home suitable to the time in a 24-hour period. The homeowner will not have to remember lowering the temperature at night because the thermostat will change automatically. Setting it to desired times would be as "easy as setting a digital watch," Mark told the audience.

The cost of the system, at $150, would be considerable more than the average thermostat, but the difference would be made up in heating expenses saved over a three-year period, he said.

Another project presented was a "motor speed controller" designed specifically for electric belt motors by third-year technologist Michael Kovacich.

Mike showed the audience how the computerized speed control enables the motor to select precise speeds needed. Unlike the one-speed motor, this motor can slow down its speed for lighter loads and save a substantial amount of energy.

Third-year technologist Michael Kovacich explains the motor speed controller to spectators. (Photo by Costadimas)

MICROWAVE LINK

Ted Manning presented a smaller example of the "micro wave data link" used by Bell Telephone for long-distance communication.

The third-year technologist designed a form of communication that does not have expensive electrical cables or connecting wires and can acheive two-way transmission as far as 10 miles away.

Ted said the data link would operate at a low expense and cost only $700 to construct. It was designed for use in a situation where economical communication was needed between two separate points.

Another third-year technologist, Michael Gruhl, presented a thesis report on "superconductivity" and its potential uses.

Through superconduction — conduction of electricity by matter at extreme low temperatures — large magnets can be made to produce electricity at a lower than normal cost.

Mike explained how developments in this field have achieved a form of transportation in which a vehicle supported by a magnetic field levitates over a rail-like track and can reach speeds of up to 480 kilometres per hour.

2ND YEAR TECHNICIANS

An "energy policy simulator" and a "solid-state electronic organ" were presented by second-year technicians.

Using modern life styles co-ordinated with natural resources and the effects of pollution, the computerized energy policy simulator would read out a year in the future that it estimates natural resources will run out or pollution will reach levels too high to live in.

The purpose of electronically predicting the future is to "communicate to the public and make them take note of the energy problem," Mario Fera said.

Mario helped design the computor with Steve Lucescu and David Green.

Carl Benner and Chris Eigner's project was a complex version of light and sound co-ordination which can be purchased in electronic stores.

The two students explained the possibilities sound-sensitive lights being used as an alarm system.

After the technical reports were presented Mr. Ciccarelli gave the students certificates and thanked them for their efforts.

Food poisoning
Majority of public unaware of causes of sudden illness

By LAURIE ELLIS
Staff Writer

Food poisoning: 60 per cent of the population at one time or another has suffered from botulism and common food poisoning without knowing it, a bacteriology expert told Niagara Hotel and Restaurant students.

Jim Roth, employed at the Microtech Laboratory in St. Catharines, told student members of the junior Niagara Canadian Food Service Executive Association (CFSEA) and guests gathered in the Rainbow Centre dining room on April 8 that as future food managers they have a responsibility to the public to prevent food poisoning.

Students will become the eyes and control over food preparation, Mr. Roth said. "Fresh sets of eyes will find a lot wrong."

"It pays to know a little about food poisoning and its diseases," Mr. Roth said. "Many food handlers are untrained and uneducated in food bacteria."

The organisms that cause food poisoning cannot be detected visually or by smell as the bacteria is microscopic, Mr. Roth said.

"Most foods will support the growth of bacteria," Mr. Roth said. Moisture, adequate temperature and food are the three factors contributing to the rapid growth of bacteria. Some bacteria can divide once every 12 minutes to a level which can kill, Mr. Roth said.

HARD TO KILL

Simple washing of hands does not kill bacteria, it only spreads it around, Mr. Roth said. The only way to kill bacteria is by sterilization.

As a health inspector for the ministry of health for nine years, Mr. Roth saw many incidents where legal systems were slack in condemning food poisoning in public establishments.

Surprised there are not more law suits involving food poisoning, Mr. Roth pointed out it is hard to prove. The majority of food poisoning cases do occur in the home but public establishments are just as guilty.

Students will become involved with public health inspectors in their future, Mr. Roth said, yet "the public health agency is there but is not fully adequate for policing."

To prove his point of bacteria being everywhere, students greeted at the door had a red bacteria indicator dye transferred to their hands, though they didn't know it. Later under a black fluorescent light, they were able to see the bacteria on their hands. Mr. Roth also had a display set up showing various forms of bacteria and their growth.

Sexist language in text

Publishers, newspapers and the ministry of education are becoming increasingly sensitive to sexist language, Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts continuing education division, told first-year journalism students April 8.

"Sexist language is no longer universally accepted," she said.

Much generically sexist language in books can be eliminated simply by using the plural, she said.

Ms. Hilyer cited math problems in school texts as examples of sexist terminology which contribute to sex stereotyping — nor are women portrayed in a variety of roles that would reflect present-day society, she said.

"I would challenge anyone to dig out your old texts — if you can't find some evidence of sex stereotyping, I'd be very surprised," she said.

"We only form our thoughts in terms of language, so we're stuck with language from the very beginning," Ms. Hilyer said.

"Men need to become a little more activist," she said. Of 622 secondary schools in Ontario, only 15 women are principals, she said.

"Nobody can tell me there aren't enough qualified women," she said.

"If I give you a raw figure of the number of men and women teaching here at the college, I think it would be fairly equal, but if you remove the nursing it would immediately throw the balance.

"Hey — women are qualified. Where are they?" she said.

Christian Fellowships

Young people are returning to values and need things which are true and relevant, Donald Pearson of the Niagara College Christian Fellowship says.

Glen Mount, instructor in construction technology, said the fellowship meets weekly at 12:30 in ME102 to provide "an avenue for students with a Christian background to get together." They eat together and discuss things of common interest.

Attendance has been low recently and Mr. Mount blames this on the end of term pressures and many members being active in their own churches. However, the Christian Fellowship has managed to survive for 11 years, but it has not been recognized by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

The fellowship is loosely connected with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, an international organization with affiliates at most Canadian universities and colleges. Last Christmas, about 20,000 gathered for Urbana, a Christian Festival which included such prominent people as Billy Graham. No one from Niagara College attended, Mr. Pearson said.

All fellowship events are open to college students and the lunch hour get-together is designed to provide a drop-in centre for interested students. Attendance varies from a few to about 15, but the members are not discouraged.

NC students healthy, Dr. Lovegrove says

BY DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

It would seem that, aside from minor ailments and afflictions, the students and staff of Niagara College are generally healthy.

"I haven't really run into any major problem," Dr. Michael Lovegrove, 29, said.

Dr. Lovegrove, one of the doctors at Niagara College, said that although he runs into stress problems fairly regularly, there aren't any intense neurotics at the post secondary level because they wouldn't be able to cope with the college environment.

He said the mild anxiety and depression cases he encounters aren't severe enough to refer to psychiatrists. The stress is usually caused by multiple problems such as family life and school.

After graduating from McGill University in 1975, Dr. Lovegrove spent one year in internship at Reddy Memorial Hospital in Montreal. He went through two years of residency at Montreal General Hospital in the department of general surgery and spent one year in residency in orthopedics at the University of Ottawa.

The most common ailments Dr. Lovegrove finds are throat infections and colds. The second most frequent reason for visiting the doctor here is for birth control advice and administration. Generally, the drugs he prescribes are antibiotics, cold tablets and birth control pills.

Other common problems Dr. Lovegrove runs into are twisted ankles and bronchitis. He also

DR. MICHAEL LOVEGROVE
(Photo by Claveau)

gives allergy shots and takes care of some long term illnesses such as diabetes and hypothyroid. One problem the doctor hasn't encountered is drug abuse.

Dr. Lovegrove is at the health centre in the Lundy building on Friday afternoons. A college doctor since July, 1979, he works with Dr. Gerald Alexander, also a college doctor, and Dr. Elizabeth Johnson at 325 Thorold Rd. in Welland.

An appointment with Dr. Lovegrove is usually 15 minutes, but it takes about half an hour for a general examination. When a case warrants special attention he will refer the patient to a specialist. Dr. Lovegrove said he sometimes asks Dr. Alexander's opinions on certain cases. The doctors are usually busy.

"We don't practise preventive medicine as much as we'd like to," Dr. Lovegrove said. He said he believes most people don't need vitamins, but the one-a-day kinds are useful for people, such as vegetarians, who aren't sure about their daily vitamin intake.

Dr. Lovegrove said he believes there are some hazards with health food. Products such as herbal teas have drug-like effects on people. Speaking about vegetarian diets he specified iron as one of the vitamins that vegetarians don't get enough of.

Standard editor retires

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

Larry Smith, 61-year-old editor of the St. Catharines Standard and chairman of the journalism advisory committee for Niagara College, has decided to call it quits.

Mr. Smith, one-time Kemsley Journalism Fellowship Award winner, wants to retire "while I'm still warm and breathing." Quite understandable after 42 years service with the same newspaper.

Originally enrolled in a modern history course at the University of Toronto in 1937, Mr. Smith started to work on the student newspaper in his spare time. Since courses in journalism were not offered at this time, Mr. Smith got his training through observing the senior students at work. He worked himself up to editor of that paper in his final year in 1941.

After graduating from university, Mr. Smith joined the army until 1946, when he became fully employed by the Standard as a reporter. He has worked at The Standard every since, except for one.

As chairmam of the advisory committee, Mr. Smith listened to suggestions for improvements or changes in the program. He enjoyed it when committee meetings called in students "for a bull session," he said.

He said the course provides training in all areas of the newspaper business, as well as a strong background for problems the students will face during their careers.

Fraser appointed

James Fraser, 29, was appointed to the Board of Governors this week.

In keeping with past practices, the board recruits one former student to sit on the board.

The vacancy was left by Anthony Custode, a former business graduate of the college. Mr. Custode resigned his position to devote more time to his work.

Mr. Fraser has been a member of the technology advisory committee and will resign his position on the committee to sit on the board

"I'm interested in helping college students from the point of view of a former student. I have a knowledge of what goes on here as a student," Mr. Fraser said.

Mr. Fraser is married with two children and lives in St. Catharines.

He is a graduate of the college's 1972 construction engineering technology program class, and is now a masonary estimator of Abe Dick Masonary Ltd., St. Catharines.

OACETT needs active members

The Ontario Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) needs active members and must direct more effort towards Niagara College to get Students involved actively, said Joseph Umpleby, member of the executive committee in the Niagara chapter.

Mr. Umpleby, plant engineer at Foster-Wheeler, St. Catharines, said OACETT has a strong association with the faculty and students of Niagara College but "with lack of active membership those members who are organized and active become apathetic and the chapter could become defunct."

About five years ago the Niagara chapter came close to "folding up" because the executive committee didn't have the support of the members.

Mr. Umpleby said the membership fees are a deterrent to potential members who have taken engineering courses at Niagara College.

"If a member utilizes the insurance plans offered by OACETT — life, auto and personal property — he can obtain discounts equivalent to the membership fees and the fees are tax deductible "under professional fees."

Mr. Umpleby said, "Many people join OACETT because their employers cite they must fulfil the standards set by the OACETT, or simply because they want the benefits offered by OACETT and to become a member of an organized group."

Although the Niagara chapter is one of the strongest in Ontario — 500 members — fewer than 10 per cent attend functions arranged by the executive committee such as tours of manufacturing industries and weekend seminars and fewer than four per cent become active, Mr. Umpleby said.

An active member is one on the executive committee. Mr. Umpleby, who has been on the executive committee for 12 years and held many positions including chairman and regional delegate, said the usual term on the executive is one or two years.

Members wishing to be on the executive committee submit their names to a nominating committee. This year with the forthcoming annual election on April 25, no chapter members have volunteered apart from those already on the executive.

"OACETT is an organization with emphasis on association," Mr. Umpleby said.

At the moment there are more than 10,000 members in Ontario and OACETT is the largest member of the Canadian Council of Engineering Technicians and Technologists (CCETT).

Canadian content earns diploma endorsement

Students taking four or more Canadian Studies courses may receive a Canadian Studies Endorsement on their transcripts by asking the registrar.

The number of students who have received the endorsement has increased from one or two in the past years, to 16 this year, William Munroe, Canadian Studies specialist, said.

Mr. Munroe said that he's tried to create a higher profile for Canadian studies through the distribution of material on the student exchange program and has gained students' interests in the endorsement.

In programs like Human Relations, graduates are eligible to receive the endorsement automatically because their course includes four Canadian Studies courses.

Mr. Munroe said there has been "a major increase with people getting involved in the Canadian Studies courses." These courses include Canadian Labor Studies, Urban Canada and Canada: Geographical Perspectives.

Japanese exhibit

An exhibit of Ikebana, Bonsai, Japanese dolls and Sumie with demonstrations and movies will be held at the OISE building in Toronto April 26 and 27 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Japanese Garden Club. The OISE building is at 252 Bloor St., West, Toronto.

GRADUATES — CHECK THIS LIST. . .

You may have qualified for a Canadian Studies endorsement on your transcript. Any four or more of the following courses entitle you to this endorsement.

Apply at the registrar's office.

If you have taken any additional courses you feel should be on this list, please contact W. Munroe, extension 435 or the Academic Studies Division, extension 401.

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H-HR-350 Canadian Contemporary Problems I
H-HR-450 Canadian Contemporary Problems II
H-JA-110 Journalism and the Law
H-LS-115 History of the Niagara Peninsula
H-LS-328 Canadian Scene
H-PS-110 Canadian Government
H-PS-140 Introduction to Law
H-PS-210 Canadian Government Systems
H-LS-347 Women's Role in Canadian Society
H-LS-365 Canadian History: A Survey
H-SO-210 Sociology -- Child, Home, Family
H-AR-165 Canadian System of Courts
H-AR-264 Offences and Procedures From Ontario and Federal Statutes
H-AR-265 The Criminal Code of Canada
H-EE-010 Literature, Modern and Canadian
H-EE-027 Our Canadian Heritage
H-EE-034 Canadian Literature: Part I
H-EE-134 Canadian Literature: Part II
H-EE-040 Canada Through Film and Fiction
H-EE-051 Niagara Now
B-EC-100 Economics I
B-EC-400 Canadian Economic Problems
B-IR-100 History of Canadian Labour
B-TP-250 Canadian Tourism I
B-TP-350 Canadian Tourism II
B-TP-370 Canadian Historical Sites
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H-TU-151 Collective Bargaining and Role
H-TU-102 Labour and the Law
H-TU-106 Canadian Labour Economics
H-TU-108 Canadian Labour and Politics
H-TU-114 The Role of Women in Canadian Trade Unions
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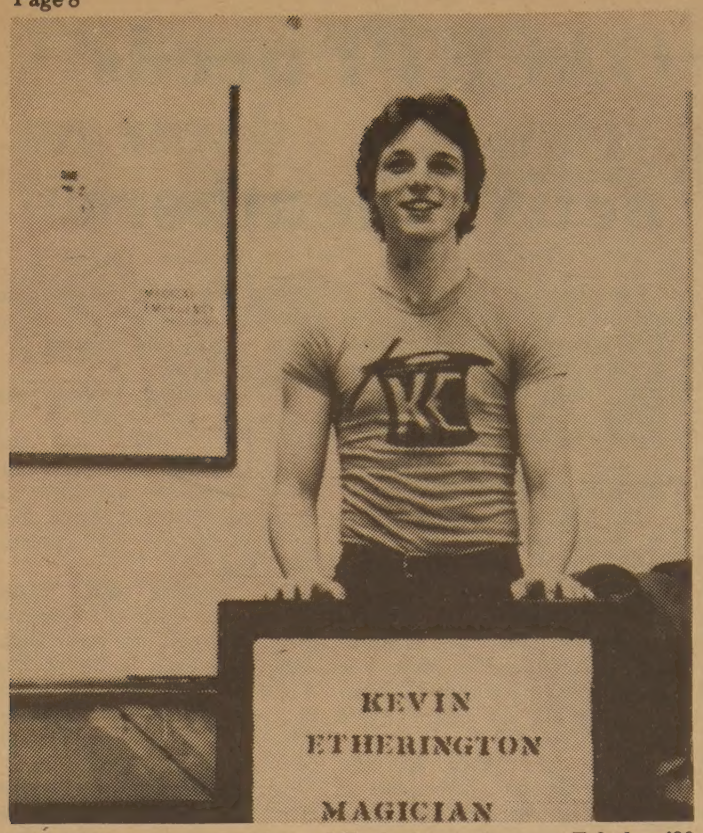

Kevin Etherington, magician and illusionist, performs at Telethon '80 at the Niagara College cafeteria. (Photo by Claveau)

Tricks for television by local magician

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Magic and mystery possess elements which captivate everyone. Eighteen-year-old Kevin Etherington, magician and illusionist, was the centre of everyone's attention when he performed at Telethon '80 at Niagara College March 29 and 30.

Kevin developed an interest in magic two years ago when he saw a magician perform at his dance class. His professional quality, easily visible during his performance, was conveyed to the audience when he changed a handkerchief from red to green within the palm of his hand.

Amazing everyone, Kevin performed a seemingly impossible task. He tore a piece from a dollar bill and, placing it aside, ripped the remainder of the bill apart. Placing it in an envelope, he proceeded to burn it. Kevin reproduced the dollar bill and, proving it was the original, inserted the missing piece which had the serial number printed on it. Kevin said he almost spoiled that act once when he forgot his lighter to burn the envelope with the dollar bill inside.

It was Kevin's third performance at a telethon.

NERVOUS AT FIRST

"The first time I got so nervous I performed a 20-minute act in 10 minutes," said Kevin. A student at St. Catharines Collegiate, Kevin said he was better prepared this year and felt he performed "very well".

"My equipment is expensive, but I make most of it myself," he said. His uncle is building the equipment for a "floating lady" and an act called "Murder in a Phone Booth," a form of metamorphosis.

Rather than copy other people's tricks, Kevin gets most of his ideas from books and likes to adapt his acts to stories. He observes other magicians; among his favorites are David Copperfield and Doug Henning.

Talented in many other ways, Kevin has played the bass clarinet for five years and has started taking singing lessons. He takes dance lessons at the Janice Luey school in St. Catharines.

WON SCHOLARSHIP

As a budding young actor, Kevin won the Maud Whitmore scholarship for his performance as Gilbert in Anne of Green Gables. The scholarship, presented by the board of directors in Charlottetown, is given to young people wanting to further their career in acting.

Kevin, the youngest of two brothers and two sisters, said his family think it's "great" he enjoys what he's doing. He is the only one in the immediate family involved in show business but his second cousin, Connie Martin, is a comedian and has appeared on the Party Game.

Kevin said, "When I finish Grade 13 I want to move to Toronto and work in the theatre. There's more stage experience in the theatre."

Kevin enjoys being on the stage and likes magic especially because, he said, "I'm not restricted."

With an ambitious attitude towards working in the theatre, Kevin will probably attain this goal and the many others he sets throughout his life.

Open House

The Niagara Training and Employment Agency (N-TEC) is having an "awareness week" from May 3 to 10 to celebrate its 10th anniversary and encourage public participation, public relations co-ordinator Donna Taylor said.

Abiding by its slogan, "where the handicapped find opportunity," N-TEC employs people with physical, mental and emotional problems. The trainees here are employed in the horticulture, upholstery, building maintenance and janitorial programs, Mrs. Taylor said. They are paid a minimum wage and provided with benefits.

The anniversary festivities will include an Open House starting May 5 and the official opening of N-TEC's industrial building on May 10 at 2 p.m. Local mayors, members of parliament and other dignitaries will be present at the ceremonies.

Machinery repairman Freddy likes to clown around at picnics

By DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

Beware of the man who repairs office machinery at Niagara College, he may be a clown in disguise!

Fred Farnham, 53, alias Freddy the Clown, is widely trained in repairing "all kinds of" small machinery and even repairs some of the office machinery at Niagara College.

In his spare time Mr. Farnham becomes Freddy the Clown, a good-natured, brightly costumed clown with an English accent. He started his hobby of being a clown 13 years ago performing picnics and in parades.

Freddy does balloon sculpture in his clown act. He got the idea from a magic shop in Buffalo. "Balloons," he said, "have opened up my hobby of being a clown."

Using magic markers, straws and the special long, thin balloons he buys in Buffalo, he creates dogs, bees, horses, birds, monkeys, apples and pumpkins, to name a few.

"I don't know of anything that has such universal appeal as balloons," he said. Now, Freddy the Clown entertains at Christmas and birthday parties, makes table decorations for banquets and entertains at executive meetings, breaking the ice with his balloon creations. "Balloon sculpture fascinates adults as well as children," he said.

LIVES IN POCKET

Stanley the Skunk is another addition to Freddy's clown act for children. "Stanley lives in my pocket," he tells the kids. Stanley is made from black and white rabbit fur.

Mr. Farnham loves to work with kids. When he goes camping on trips, he takes his balloons because "There are always children around."

Mr. Farmham came to Canada from London, England, in 1957. He lives at 17 Elmview and has lived in Welland for the past 15 years. He and his wife, Irene, have three children of their own: Terrance, 23, Yvonne, 20, and Andrew, 15.

Freddy was at Telethon '80 Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon asking the television audience to, "Come down to the Black Walnut building and get a balloon while making a pledge."

Freddy recently raised $200 at the Seaway Mall selling balloons and accepting donations for Easter Seals.

He buys his balloons in Buffalo because it's closer than getting them in Toronto which is the only other supplier near Welland.

Operation T-square May 8

The new executive of student chapter 93 of the Society for Manufacturing Engineering (SME) is busy planning Operation T-square, a drafting competition. The event is open to all high school students in the Niagara region and to all mechanical design drafting students at Niagara.

Operation T-square will be held on May 8 in the Black Walnut Building.

In elections last Tuesday for the executive of student chapter 93 of SME, Sergio Borghessi replaced Paul Czepec as president. Stephen Apps was elected first vice-president, Ben Van Leur, second vice-president, Frank Hrelja, third vice-president; Andrew Van Driel, fourth vice-president. David Torretto was elected secretary and Lyle Falkins, treasurer.

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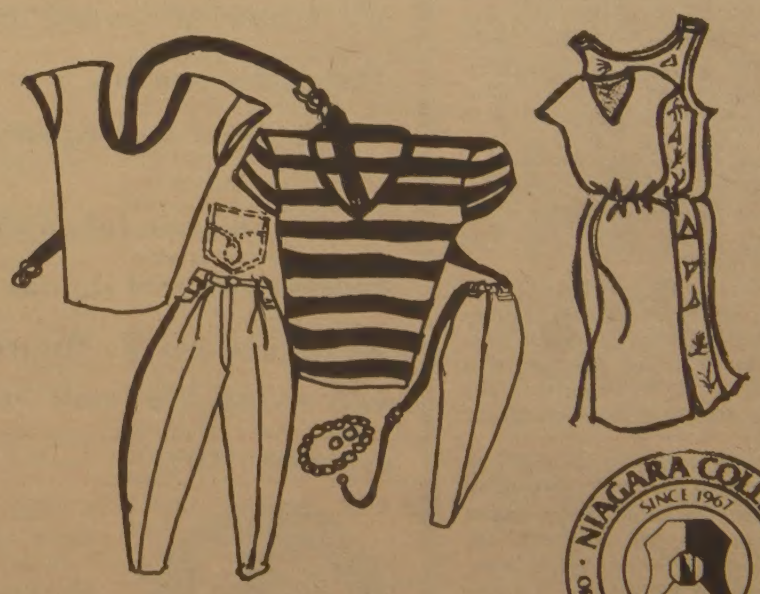

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ENTERTAINMENT

$12,000 from Telethon '80 for area crippled children

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL and DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writers

Telethon '80 raised more than $12,000 towards crippled children in the Niagara peninsula.

The third annual telethon, produced by radio and television (RTV) students, will donate 50 per cent of the proceeds directly to the Crippled Children's Centre, St. Catharines, and 50 per cent to the Easter Seals campaign, from which a portion will go back to the centre. The money raised will go towards hiring a full-time speech therapist, a full-time social worker and bus-lifts.

The telethon, held in Niagara College's Black Walnut building, began at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. Lasting 24 hours until 3 p.m. the following day, the telethon was broadcast across the region by Armstrong and Maclean-Hunter cable TV.

Producer of Telethon '80, Sindy Lupul, 22, a second-year RTV student, said she and other RTV students started planning the telethon in September as a full-time project for college. During the planning of the telethon no major difficulties were encountered.

The telethon got off to a good start at 3 p.m. and the cafeteria was filled with an air of anticipation and excitement. All RTV students present were anxious things would go well. They did; very few technical difficulties occurred during the 24 hours of production.

Debbie Kerslake, 4, the official Easter Seal poster child talking with Commander Tom of WKBW during Telethon '80. (Photo by Caygill)

PRESIDENT PROUD

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, said at the opening, "I think it's great that the students involved are giving up 24 hours of their time and that they care about such causes and other people. I'm very proud of them."

Christopher Matthews from CHSC said, "The ministry of health made severe cutbacks, that's why it's important to get pledges in."

At 5:05 p.m., Saturday, the telethon had raised $637 in pledges. Gift certificates were donated by merchants in the Niagara peninsula and included movie passes, 500 four-slice three-item pizzas from Mother's in St. Catharines, albums, T-shirts, chocolate Easter bunnies and certificates for hair-styling.

Niagara Frontier Caterers donated all proceeds from the cafeteria which was open from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. "All the staff in the cafeteria donated their time to the telethon," Fred Bomers, cafeteria manager, said.

Welland Snowmobile Club donated $75 to the telethon and answered phones from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. on Sunday. Working in shifts, various Rotary Clubs were involved in answering phones, too.

Tapes made specifically for the telethon were shown throughout the production. Bob Hope, Ben Wicks, the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band and Lorraine Thompson were included in the pre-recorded tapes. RTV students constructed the sets and pre-taped visits to the Crippled Children's Centre. They recruited the guests and performers.

By midnight on Saturday the telethon had raised $3,894 in pledges. Sindy said, "The production is going smoothly, but the pledges could be higher. With the advertising of the telethon and the fact that more people will watch TV on a Sunday, the pledges should pick up."

MORAL SUPPORT

At 2 a.m. Sunday, the audience consisted of about 25 people. Reasons for being there ranged from, "I'm here to give moral support," to, "because I'm volunteering my services." Members of the audience were fortunate; Delta Electronics in Welland donated a four-foot TV screen for them to view the performers.

By 2:40 a.m., the pledges amounted to $4,584. Timber, one of the many bands at the telethon was playing and the RTV production crew were lively, even though many of them had been on the go for almost 12 hours. RTV students had a rest area in the staff cafeteria.

The phones were quiet in the early hours of Sunday morning. After 4 a.m. pledges amounted to $4,692. Alan Merritt, first-year RTV student, said, "At this time last year we had $1,200."

At 8:30 a.m. the phones began ringing. With pledges received by phone came challenges to and from people with a common denominator. On Saturday evening Alison Bailey, a first-year journalism student, challenged all Niagara College students to a pledge of $5.

The end of the telethon, at 3 p.m. Sunday saw $11,270 pledged. With the final count, the total was more than $12,000. Producer Sindy who had worked the full 24 hours said she felt exhausted. She said Sunday had been more hectic than Saturday. "Things seemed to move at a faster pace; all the entertainment showed up on time," she said.

Robert Saracino, 42, mayor of Port Colborne, was present for part of the telethon. He said, "It's great to see so many people giving up their time for such a worthy cause." Also at the telethon was St. Catharines mayor, 56-year-old Roy Adams. He congratulated Niagara College students for the excellent production of the telethon.

Gilbert Parent, MP for Welland, said, "I came to the telethon to help in any way I can and to congratulate the many workers on the telethon."

Ruth Kennedy, president of the board of directors of the Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Society, said, "There are 19 people on the board of governors who give their time freely to see that the children at the centre get the very best." She said there are 340 children who go to the centre for therapy, 51 permanent students and 14 nursery students. She said she was thankful to the young people from Niagara College who gave there time freely in production of the telethon.

Commander Tom praises NC's 'marvellous effort'

Commander Tom, one of the guest hosts of Telethon '80, commended the Niagara College students involved in the production of the telethon on a "marvellous effort."

Commander Tom — Tom Jolls, 45 — was among guest hosts who aided second year radio/television student hosts in presenting the entertainment. The student hosts were: Lori Smith, Debbie Cartmer, Thomas Mather and Lari Carter.

The guest hosts from the RTV program were: Steven Fleming and Patti McQuestion of third year RTV and Stuart Black, radio instructor.

The celebrity guest hosts included: Jack Duffy, who has recently taped a new series of comedy skits for the CBC in Vancouver; Dyan Nyland from The Trouble with Tracy, and her husband, Frank Proctor from CKTB.

Commander Tom, from WKBW in Buffalo, said, "People are apathetic when it comes to raising money; they need something like a telethon so they'll pick up the phone and pledge money to the cause."

Radio celebrities present included: John Larocque and Christopher Matthews from CHSC and Kevin J. Peasant from CJQR: Robert Boyne, Peter Morena, Mark Taylor and Thomas Murray from the CHOW; William Hayward from the Niagara district weather office; Douglas Hobbs, Wayne McClure and Robert Reinhart from CKTB and Lee Sterry and Joel Thompson from CJRN.

Few good stage managers are found in this country

Theatre students listened intently while Gary Goddard, field representative for Equity, a professional performers' association, told them they were entering one of the most difficult areas of the theatre.

"There are a small number of good stage managers in this country," he said. "If you're good you'll make it."

Stage managers are among the most important persons in the theatre, he told the stage management class March 28. They become the director's representative when the show begins.

Advising them not to be in a rush to work in large theatres, he said, "The best training would be in school touring and small summer theatres."

Mr. Goddard, a liaison officer between theatre management, performers and Equity, said Equity regulates salaries, working conditions and the terms of employment of its members.

Founded in 1951 in Canada, Equity has 2,300 active members. Unlike its American counterpart it handles ballet dancers and opera singers as well as theatre performers.

It is very difficult to get into Equity, Mr. Goddard said.

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Theatre students get children active

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

In their black uniforms they came. They searched the village for food and lodging. Three hungry soldiers knocked on every door, but they received no answer.

The children trembled with fear. Huddled together with their families, they made sure not a word was said to arouse the soldiers' attentions.

"The last time they came they took almost all our food. They hardly left us anything," one farmer told his children.

The soldiers were denied food when they returned. So in answer to their growling stomachs they decided to make stone soup.

Room S109 was the theatre March 21. The audience was composed of Norah Morgan, instructor, four early childhood education (ECE) students and a reporter. The actors were 10 theatre students, 20 children from the ECE centre and six ECE students. The actors were taking part in an "involvement theatre."

As part of their course, Theatre For and With Children, the second year theatre students involved the four-year-olds in an hour-long production of an old French legend, Stone Soup.

Six of the students were farmers with three or four children. Their houses were blocks, their props imaginable and the children were impressionable.

The children, enthusiastically pumping imaginary water with an imaginary pump, became very involved in the play. When the soldiers came, some began weeping and hid for fear of their lives.

Clad in black, the traditional "bad guy" costume, the soldiers evoked a strong reaction at their first entrance into the village.

One child, her face red and trembling, whispered, "I hate soldiers" to her mother.

When one farmer told the soldiers his family was sick, one of his children instinctively coughed so the soldier could not disclaim the statement.

"It's really remarkable to see how imaginative these kids are," Peter Tkaczyk, theatre student said.

"I like it because the children make decisions," Mrs. Morgan said.

Involvement theatre is one of the best trainings for an actor because the actor must be flexible. The children can alter the ending by the decisions they make during the play, she said.

Each year they pick controversial subjects to act on. Last year the theme was whaling; the year before it was the seal hunt.

"We like to pick a theme which seems to be right for the time," Mrs. Morgan said.

The 10th theatre student was the pump man. He escorted and helped the children with the water pump. It seemed he went unnoticed until a child reminded him to put her pail by the pump.

"There's no pail there," said the scorning child.

After the actors had filled themselves with imaginary stone soup, cookies, milk, and bread, the theatre students sat the children down and discussed the play with them.

In the audience, the ECE students were also discussing the play.

"I thought they did really well with the play," Cynthia McDonald said.

Another student said she thought it was "really imaginative."

With a little bit of cunning the soldiers got vegetables for their stone soup. It seemed the King had sat and eaten some with them at one time or the other. The children eagerly brought them the ingredients.

Ingredients — stones, water, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, turnips, onions, salt and pepper to taste.

"Round stones are good for flavor," but other kinds may be used.

Canadian hydro-power

Did you know that Canada is the second most powerful country in the world in terms of hydro-electrecity. Among the major projects are installations at James Bay and Manicouagan River in Quebec.

D'ARCY MCHAYLE

McHayle directs theatre

D'Arcy McHayle, theatre arts instructor, is directing a dinner theatre play for the Welland Little Theatre this weekend and next.

"I believe that as a teacher one has to stay as fresh as possible," he said.

The play, Scandal Point, is a murder mystery in which the audience is never sure who is plotting against whom, Mr. McHayle said. It will be performed April 18 to 20 and April 24 to 26 at the Hind Quarter Steak House and Tavern.

Mr. McHayle, who has bachelor of arts and bachelor of education degrees from the University of Toronto, has been teaching at Niagara College for the past six years.

He teaches classes in movement, sound and Front of House, a course which deals with the box office and public relations aspects of theatre.

Mr. McHayle was in theatre a number of years before he began teaching.

Dinner begins at the Hind Quarter at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:15 p.m. except on Sunday, April 20, when dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the performance at 7:45. The ticket price of $12.50 includes the dinner and play.

This is the first 1980 performance of the Welland Little Theatre.

Advisory committee develops program

The advisory committee for Niagara College's theatre arts program, made up primarily of people from out of the peninsula, is top notch and very concerned about developing the program, co-ordinator John Rapsey said.

Members of the committee include people from the Shaw and Stratford festivals, the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and from Toronto.

"What we've done, is invite a number of people to be on the advisory committee who are connected with professional theatre, theatre arts in high school and community theatre," Mr. Rapsey said.

The major objective of the committee is to keep the program in touch with the field of theatre, advise the program on what is happening relevant to different areas and keep it up to date on equipment being used.

"It's a very fine committee in the sense that a number of them hold the most important jobs in the theatre in Canada," Mr. Rapsey said.

The advisory committee will meet on April 23 in conjunction with the theatre's final production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The advisory committee consists of: Keith Storey, technical director of the Shaw Festival; Kent McKay, technical director of the Stratford Festival; Peter Woodsworth, scenic construction department at CBC; Duncan McGregor, director of Carousel Players in St. Catharines; Marie Day, a designer and artist from Toronto; Rae Ackerman, production manager at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa; Brian Arnott, a designer and theatre consultant from Toronto; Frank Canino, a director and teacher from Toronto; Wayne Fairhead, consultant for the Board of Education in Toronto; Leon Leroux, president of the Little Theatre in Welland; Ken McKie, a theatre arts teacher from Guelph; Brian Shien, Toronto playright and Simon Johnston, artistic director of the Press Theatre in St. Catharines.

The reason for the large number of committee members from outside the peninsula is that the theatre program is located away from major theatre centres, Mr. Rapsey said. Students graduating from the program will have to travel to these centres for employment.

Drama instructor represents Ontario

Niagara's Norah Morgan who believes Canada has "something unique" to offer in the field of drama has just spent eight days in Austria with the chance to demonstrate it.

Mrs. Morgan, creative drama instructor, was one of two representatives from Ontario invited to take part in the conference of 30 nations in Villach, Austria. The other was Juliana Saxton, a freelance dramatist from Toronto.

Mrs. Morgan was invited by the Council of Drama and Education to attend the conference of the International Amateur Theatre Association (IATA) which is promoting the quality of teaching and training of actors and the use of drama in the classroom.

Mrs. Morgan is not new to these conferences as she has attended them in Washington, Montreal, Ottawa and London, England. She also has conducted drama workshops in Vancouver.

Chosen on the basis of her work with Niagara early childhood and social service students and drama education at Brock University, Mrs. Morgan plans to use the learning experience of the conference in her own method of teaching drama. She sees drama as "a way of teaching in the classroom not as a way of doing theatre."

The conference consisted of two areas. Each representative presented a paper on drama and then conducted a workshop based on the paper.

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Saxton, presented methods used in training teachers to use drama in the classroom. Representatives attended other seminars with the main papers being given by the United Kingdom, Germany, Holland and the United States.

RP campaign

Limited awareness of disease

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

Can you imagine spending your life seeing only what is directly in front of you? Can you imagine knowing that any day, that, too, would be gone?

These are the thoughts of young children and adults afflicted with the hereditary disease, retinitis pigmentosa.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what the disease is," Sandra Labricciosa, a secretarial student at Niagara College, said.

May is designated as campaign month this year, the purpose being not only to raise money for research but also to inform people about the disease. The campaign is being held by the Niagara region chapter of the National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation of Canada.

Sandra, the secretary of the Niagara chapter, became involved with the organization through a friend who is afflicted with the disease, Vince Della Monache, honorary president of the Niagara chapter.

The Niagara chapter, located in Welland, was formed in 1974 and started campaigns to raise money for research in 1976.

The disease affects the retina, the film-like visual layer in the back of the eye. The retina slowly degenerates and loses its ability to transmit pictures to the brain.

FIRST SYMPTONS

Night blindness is often the first sympton followed by a narrowing in the side vision, commonly known as "tunnel vision." Eventually, sight disappears. Because the eye is so fragile, surgery or transplants are impossible, especially when the optic nerve is involved.

Retinitis Pigmentosa is transmitted by a gene. It is estimated that one in every 80 carries this gene. Therefore, RP can strike without warning in a family with no history of blindness.

RP has been commonly found in young children — some as young as one or two — and young adults. Once the degeneration of the retina starts, loss of vision continues for life.

Anyone interested in making a contribution can get in touch with the National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation of Canada, Niagara Region chapter, box 381, Welland.

First in literary contest

Two part-time and a general college student placed first in their categories in the Niagara College literary contest.

The first place winners were:

Poetry, Lewis Silvestri, second-year general college, for his entry Love Poems: and other thoughts of life and lust.

Short stories, Patrick Morrell, part-time student, for a story entitled The Patriot Game.

Surveys, Robert Blanchfield, part-time student, for his Survey on Forms of Play.

The contest was open to full and part-time students in the areas of poetry, short stories, plays, and radio and television scripts. In non-fiction categories were essays, scientific reports, investigative reports and surveys.

Works were submitted in only three of these categories.

Second place in poetry was won by Karen Montgomery, general college student, with her Six Poems in the Language of My Heart.

Honorable mention in this category was given to Thomas Wilson, part-time student, and Peter Benner, second-year journalism.

Jeff Hughes of radio and television and David Tredwell of the general college program received honorable mention in the short story category.

All those winning awards or honorable mentions will receive scrolls in recognition of their achievement at the Niagara College special awards night in June, James Nicholas, sociology instructor and contest organizer, said.

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Blossom run May 10

The fifth annual Blossom Festival Road Race, sponsored by the Niagara Promotion Association and organized by Track Niagara, is to be held May 10, along with a five and 10 kilometre fun run.

The race begins at 10:15 a.m. in Queenston Park and covers a traffic-controlled 20 kilometres ending back at the park. The Fun run starts in Queenston Park at 9 a.m.

Name Russell, Kerr athletes of year

By BRADFORD HEATH
Staff Writer

Frances Russell and Randy Kerr were named athletes of the year at the athletic banquet on April 9 in the college cafeteria.

Frances was named female athlete of the year for her efforts with the college basketball team. Randy was named male athlete of the year for his contribution to the hockey team in the last three years.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, told about 200 athletes she was proud of their accomplishments and pleased to see them getting good use from the student activity fees.

After thanking the coaches and everyone involved with sports, she added a special reminder to the students "not to let sports take over the classroom."

The female and male freshman athletes of the year awards went to Donna Elecko and David Lovie for their achievements in badminton.

For accumulating more than 50 points in college athletics, Randy Kerr received an athlete of distinction award. Randy also received a plaque for scoring more than 100 points during his playing career with the college hockey team.

MOST VALUABLE

Trophies were awarded to the most valuable players on college teams: Lana Huebert, women's rowing; Tony Napolitano, men's rowing; Carrie Metcalfe, women's basketball; Wilfred Muller, men's basketball; Randy Kerr, hockey; Mark MacDonald, golf; and Mike Chartrand, badminton.

Athletic letters, awarded to athletes who accmulate a designated number of points, went to: David Lovie, Mark Lightfoot, Vera Mykytiuk, Susan Biederman, David Carpenter, Samuel Behnuk, Donald Kretz, Jeff Gibson, James Muieboom, Solange Carreau, Wilfred Muller, David Patterson, David Damude, Harold Ross, Don Maranelli and Mike Chartrand.

Each member of a college team was presented with a Niagara Varisty athletic pin.

Fred Bassi, athletics assistant and hockey coach, was presented with a plaque from the members of his hockey team for his efforts in coaching them.

INTRAMURALS

For being the keenest competitor in intramural competition, Wayne Ingall received a Labatt's mug.

Ivo Coia received a Labatt's mug for being the outstanding competitor in intramural competition.

Each team and individual intramural champion was awarded a team trophy and individual medallions.

The awards for intramural tennis, mixed doubles, went to Vera Mykytiuk and Mark Lightfoot, who also won the men's singles.

Mixed doubles in intramural badminton was won by Teresa Kctuk and Randy Kerr. Randy won the men's singles and the men's doubles was won by Stanley Muntz and Roderick Spence.

Women's volleyball was won by the Skid Row team and in men's volleyball the Renegades Two team were the winners. Co-ed volleyball was won by the Chippers.

The Juliana Dekker team won the intramural bowling. Juliana was the high scoring woman with 166 and Tony Cabras the high scoring man with 214.

In men's ice hockey the Rollerballs won for the fourth consecutive time. In men's floor hockey the Flyers won.

Michael Kajganich received a medallion for winning the intramural golf tournament with a score of 83.

Men's touch football was won by the Tampa team.

Keith Lindberg, the manager of media services, was presented with a plaque in appreciation for the coverage of sports by the Niagara College television. The presentation was made by John Balenovich, vice-president of athletics for the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Those congratulating the athletes included Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the Board of Governors; Peter Rylander, athletic co-ordinator, and Ivy Riddell, Welland alderman.

Members of the head table included: Russ Stevenson, ladies basketball coach; Ivar Noren, head rowing coach; Robert Young, curling coach; Mrs. Riddell, Al Aboud, director of student services; Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. Bassi, Miss Robarts, Mr. Rylander, Jim Walters, 1979-80 SAC president, and Tom Mather, the new SAC president, John Balenovich, Lari Carter, next year's vice-president of athletics; David Svob, badminton coach, and Dan Radobenko, manager of men's basketbasll team.

David and Donna

Duo takes 3rd place

Donna Elecko, a first-year general business student, and David Lovie, a first-year technology student, placed third in the Canadian Colleges invitational badminton championship.

The tournament was held at Centennial College in Scarborough on March 21 and 22.

Donna and David finished the tournament tied for second place but were dropped to third place because the team they were tied with had beaten them earlier in the tournament.

They won four games and lost two. They defeated the number one Alberta team 15-6 and 15-5, the number two Alberta team 6-15, 15-6 and 15-9, the number two Quebec team 16-17, 15-11 and 15-9 and the British Columbia team 15-6 and 17-14.

They lost to the number one Quebec team 15-10 and 15-8 and were defeated by the other Ontario team 15-5 and 15-3.

Earlier this year Donna and David finished second in the regional championship and third in the provincial championship.

Travel and hotel expenses for the tournament were paid by the college.

Fun Run At Brock

The School of Physical Education at Brock University sponsored a series of Spring Road Races yesterday as part of its program to encourage athletic participation.

The Decew Circuit which begins and ends at the Tower on Decew Campus, is in its ninth year and 400 entrants were expected.

This was the first year of a Fun Run of a mere three miles. "We're hoping to get at least 150 people," Alan Pedler, meet director, said.

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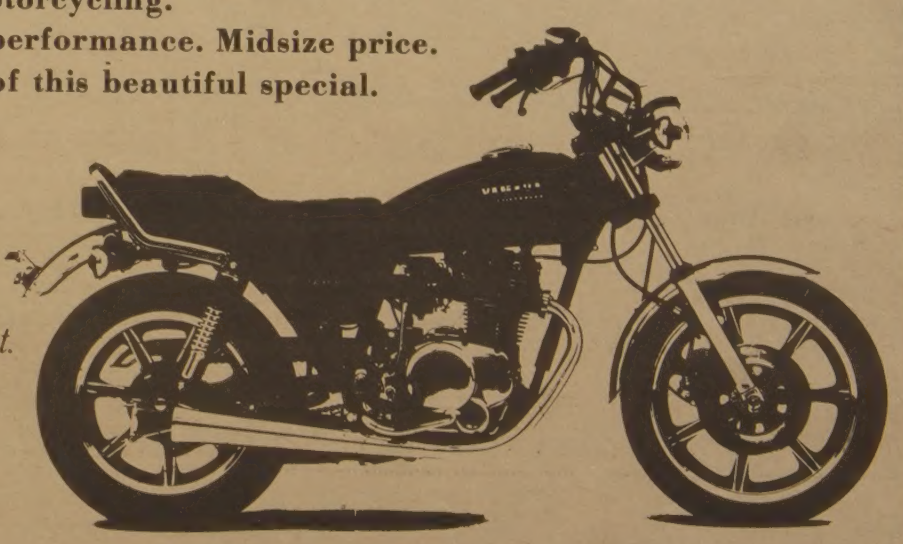

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He/She *Now they use it, now they don't*

Even the Ontario Council of Regents is not immune to the he/she syndrome. But a little slip is particularly ironic here at Niagara.

In a 40-page report on college governance submitted to all community colleges, a council committee refers to college presidents as "he": "...the president is no less responsible to his board of governors...."

Later, speaking of a senior personnel officer, the socially-conscious report said, "...he/she should have ample time to visit the colleges...."

Surely the Council of Regents hadn't forgotten Jackie Robarts!

Women returning to school

Eleven women on mothers' allowance who have returned to school at Niagara College have been meeting with deans to study further post-secondary options available.

One of the deans who met with the women, I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said the group were in various stages of upgrading, working to get secondary school diplomas, or the equivalent, enabling them to enrol in college as mature students.

The purpose of the meeting, organized by Mrs. Ferguson, was to inform and give the women a chance to ask questions, Mr. Giancarlo said.

The women will receive financial assistance from the Ontario Student Awards program, Bette Ferguson, co-ordinator of women's studies, said.

"In the long run the program benefits the government because these women will eventually come off mothers' allowance," she said. "I think it's good for the college, too, since the high school population is dropping. This is an untapped source."

Drug possession prevalent among younger students

By LYNN CHIPPS
Staff Writer

In the 1970s, teenagers were considered the drug users or pushers; now the age of drug users varies from 10 to 60. Many students in Grades 7 and 8 are being caught with possession of narcotics, Seargent Robert Sauder, Niagara Regional crime prevention officer, said.

Narcotics are the worst type of drug, second to alcohol. However, for young people, narcotics are easier to obtain since there is no age limit for buying. The availability of drugs makes them a favorite. People can buy drugs anywhere and from anyone, Sgt. Sauder said.

Penalties have been under the Narcotics Control Act of Canada.

When a person is caught with possession of narcotics, a sample will be sent to an analyst in Toronto. The analyst sends back a certified letter describing the to be used as court evidence under the Food and Drug Act or the Narcotic Control Act.

HEAVY PENALTY

On a first possession charge, a person may be fined $1,000 or given six months in jail, or both. For a subsequent offence, a $2,000 fine, one year in jail, or both is the penalty.

Personal possession is the most common charge and the least serious. On the contrary, charges of intent to traffic and trafficking are more serious. Anyone charged with either of those is liable to life imprisonment.

Seven years imprisonment will be the sentence for anyone guilty of an indictable offence of cultivating opium or marijuana.

99 KINDS

Under the Narcotics Control act there are 99 illegal kinds of drugs. There are about 14 bases and each has many different salt compounds.

Drugs vary in three ways: form, potency and expense. Heroin is highly addictive, expensive and deadly. The pulmonary capillary pressure is affected by phencyclidine, known by its abbreviated name PCP. It causes the small blood vessels to shrink and the decrease in blood flow causes light headedness.

The increasing rate of teenage suicides is thought to be drug-related, Sgt. Sauder said.

The drug situation is definitely increasing, he said. Charges and jail sentences are severe enough to curb some of the drug dealing but education in the younger grades will be more efficient than punishment, Sgt. Sauder said.

Plant care new course

Let an expert lead you down the garden path.

Frank Sneek will teach students care of seedlings from indoor planting to transplant into the garden. Get Your Garden Growing will also cover soil selection, lighting, nutrients, and many others.

The continuing education course will be held on Fridays: April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mill Open Air Market on Highway 3 in Port Colborne. The cost is $14.

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"We were able to move the class back to Niagara Falls because (Manpower) seat purchases were increased to the point where it was economically feasible for us to maintain a separate operation in Niagara Falls," Mr. Malone said.

The college decision to move the program to St. Catharines effective April 1 was strongly opposed by Niagara Falls city council.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, explained then that it was necessary to consolidate classes in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls due to limited financial resources and small enrolments in the Niagara Falls classes.

Two EASL classes will continue to be held at Welland Vale.

"Promotional efforts will be made to try to attract more applicants into the course," Mr. Malone said.

The recent government decision to allow 10,000 additional southeast Asians into Canada could increase the enrolment in the Manpower-sponsored programs, Mr. Malone said.

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Health Centre

Budget cutbacks will not affect the college's health centre next year, said George Repar, head of counselling and health services.

This year's budget was about $30,000, and is expected to be between $30,000 and $35,000 next year, Mr. Repar said.

The money is used to provide both Welland Vale and the main campus with a full time nurse and with doctors attending the main campus twice a week, and Welland Vale once a week.

Mr. Repar said the department realizes that "money is tight" and submits a "responsible budget." Therefore, it has no surplus or excess that could be cutback.

Technology

The school of applied science and technology will receive $60,000 for the 1980-81 school year, instead of the $360,000 it had budgeted for.

The $300,000 cutback in this school's budget is the result of the $2,610,233 college budget cutbacks.

Of the $360,000 the school had budgeted for, about $250,000 was to be used for purchasing equipment the school did not previously have. About $60,000 of the 360,000 was to have been used for replacing old equipment.

Due to the budget cutbacks the school will only be able to complete 20 per cent of the expansion it had been planning for the machine and welding shops.

Douglas Campbell, chairman of Continuing Education for the school of applied science and technology, said the $60,000 the school will receive will barely keep the old machines working.

Mr. Campbell said the school needs about 30 new oscilloscopes; however, the oscilloscopes cost about $2,000 to $3,000 each. The total cost for replacing the old oscilloscopes would be about $60,000 to $90,000.

Replacement of equipment is not a random process, Mr. Campbell said. The equipment is replaced on a five-year rotating plan.

Mr. Campbell said there is a great need for new laboratories. The facilities are used on weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays. The laboritories are used in July and for two weeks in August each summer.

With more laboratories the school of applied science and technology could train more students, Mr. Campbell said.

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On behalf of all the members of the recently elected Student's Administrative Council, I would like to thank all students for their support in the recent elections.

We are looking forward to a fruitful year in 1980-81.

Best wishes to all,
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